

REMARKS

Applicants further request that the cited documents be (1) fully considered by the Examiner during the course of examination of this application, and (2) printed on any patent issuing from this application. Additionally, applicants request that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

All documents cited herein were either previously submitted by applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement or cited by the Examiner in United States Divisional Application No. 10/612,497, from which the above-identified application claims priority. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), applicants have not enclosed copies of the documents. However, applicants stand ready to provide copies at the Examiner's request.

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